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FOR AMBASSADOR ELIOT FROM AMBASSADOR HECK

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF KATHMANDU

REF: STATE 201528

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO HEAR THAT LONG AWAITED  
INSPECTION OF KATHMANDU IS AROUND THE CORNER,  
BUT REGRET TO REPORT THAT DATES PROPOSED IN  
REFTEL GIVE US VERY REAL PROBLEMS. I REALIZE  
THAT IN COMPLICATED SCHEDULES WHICH INSPECTORS  
FACE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SUIT EVERYONE'S  
CONVENIENCE, BUT GIVEN IMPORTANCE WHICH IS  
RIGHTLY ATTACHED TO AN INSPECTION AND MY DESIRE  
TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE READY FOR IT AND CAN  
FULLY PROFIT FROM IT, I MOST EARNESTLY HOPE THAT  
DATES OUTLINED IN REFTEL CAN BE JUGGLED BEFORE  
VISIT TO NEA/INS AREA IS SET IN CONCRETE. I  
TAKE SOME COMFORT IN LANGUAGE OF PARA 1  
REFTEL WHICH IMPLIES SOME FLEXIBILITY IN TIMING.

2. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, BEST TIME WOULD BE  
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ANY TIME AFTER NOV. 7, PRESUMABLY AFTER  
CONCLUSION OF INSPECTION OF NEW DELHI AND  
CONSTITUENT POSTS.

3. REASON FOR SUGGESTED CHANGE IS THAT FROM  
END OF SEPTEMBER TO BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER,  
SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE SMALL STAFF OF

THE EMBASSY ARE SCHEDULED TO BE IN MOTION, BASED ON PLANS WHICH HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY WORKED OUT TO REDUCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE INTERRUPTION OF NORMAL POST ACTIVITIES AND IN PREPARATION FOR AN INSPECTION WHICH WE HAVE BEEN GAMBLING WOULD COME LATER IN YEAR. DURING PROPOSED 9/28 - 10/6 PERIOD, WE WILL BE SHORT OF SECRETARIES. OUR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OFFICER WHO IS ALSO COMMERCIAL/LABOR/POLITICAL-MILITARY/BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, ETC. OFFICER, WILL HAVE ONLY JUST RETURNED FROM R&R CUM MEDICAL TREATMENT IN BANGKOK. FINALLY, I AM LOCKED INTO LEAVE FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO OCTOBER 12 WHICH HAS BEEN IN PLANNING STAGE FOR SIX MONTHS AND INCLUDES FIRM COMMITMENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE WITH MEMBERS OF FAMILY COMING FROM U.S.

4. BEFORE MAKING THESE COMMITMENTS WE TRIED HARD TO GET A FIX ON INSPECTION DATES. I FIRST RAISED SUBJECT WITH BOB SAYRE LAST FEBRUARY IN DEPARTMENT WITH NO SUCCESS. FORMER MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF AND NOW OUR DCM DICK BOEHM MOST RECENTLY WROTE (SEE BOEHM-MENTER LETTER OF JULY 19) ON THIS SUBJECT. IN BETWEEN WE HAVE SOUGHT CLARIFICATION ON DATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM NEA, AND HAVE ONLY BEEN INFORMED THAT WE COULD EXPECT INSPECTION IN LAST QUARTER WITHOUT CLARIFYING WHETHER THIS WAS LAST QUARTER OF FISCAL OR CALENDAR YEAR.

5. IF IT HAS TO BE WE WILL OF COURSE ADJUST, BUT I AM SURE YOU APPRECIATE THAT AT A SMALL POST LIKE THIS WITH VERY LIMITED MANPOWER, WE HAVE TO MAKE PLANS FOR TRIPS, LEAVE, R&R, ETC. MANY MONTHS IN ADVANCE. WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST TO TRY TO TAKE INSPECTION SCHEDULE INTO ACCOUNT AND FRANKLY IT SEEMS TO ME WE SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE LEAD TIME THAN ENVISAGED IN SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN REFTEL TO ENSURE THAT EVERYBODY IS ON BOARD AND POST IS PREPARED.

6. SORRY TO COMPLICATE MATTERS, BUT HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND AND AGREE ON NEW DATES. HECK

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